

SAMPSON POTTERY SOLD FOR \$300,000

Collection Valued at \$1,000,000 Was Bought by Edgar Goror.

ONLY \$100,000 YET PAID

The appraisal of the estate of Henry Sampson, president of Albee Sampson's Sons, oilcloth manufacturers, a concern established by his father, estimates his property at \$1,000,000. Mr. Sampson, who died on May 24 last at 14 West Fifty-fourth street, had a notable collection of porcelains, which was valued at the time of his death at \$100,000.

The porcelains were supposed to have been sold a year ago for almost \$1,000,000 to Edgar Goror, the dealer who was on the Lusitania, and who recently sold Duveen Bros. for \$750,000 on the charge of defalcation, but the appraisal shows that the collection brought only \$200,000 of this amount \$100,000 was in cash and \$200,000 was in two notes of \$100,000 each, endorsed by Decker & Co., which have not yet been paid. The collection of porcelains contained about 1,000 pieces, the most valuable being one of the same de bouc variety and a pumpkin.

Mr. Sampson owned twenty paintings, worth \$25,000. The most valuable were works by George Inness, and were appraised as follows: "Landscape and Beach Tree," \$3,500; "White Mountain Valley," \$3,000; "Sunset," \$1,200; "Landscape of Approaching Storm," \$1,000; "Bum off," \$2,000; "Landscape and Sheep," \$2,500. A painting by Jacques, "Ploughing the Field," was appraised at \$1,500.

The estate comprised securities worth \$675,251, of which \$106,675 was the value of 1,700 shares of United States Steel common. Mr. Sampson had \$25,000 of bonds of his own company and 645 shares of stock worth \$13,300.

The will gave to the widow, Mrs. Julia Page Sampson, a life interest in the home at 14 West Fifty-fourth street, worth \$143,429, and a third interest in the residue of \$926,210, the remainder of the residue was left for life to the son, Henry Sampson, Jr., and the daughter, Mrs. Curtenius Gillette.

"THE ALLEN ESTATE \$22,724.

Debit Reduce the Net Amount to \$10,120,255.

The appraisal of the estate of "The Allen," who died May 12, 1908, was filed yesterday and shows that his gross estate amounted to only \$22,724. He had debts of \$8,890 and his net estate amounted to \$10,225. He had an equity of only \$2,589 in his residence at 17 West Eighth street, but owned a dwelling house at Bayport, L. I., worth \$18,000.

Allen's financial circumstances became so reduced during the later years of his life that he borrowed \$2,000 for personal expenses, which is one of the debts of the estate. He gave his entire estate to his foster daughter, Mrs. M. E. Owens, whose adoption in 1888 was contested by his wife's relatives in proceedings brought to act aside her will in 1904. The adoption was upheld by the courts.

Prior to his death "The Allen" was thought to have amassed wealth through conducting gambling rooms.

WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

NORMA H. BARRETT, who died on July 17 last, left \$128,000. She gave \$300 cash and an annuity of \$3,000 to her husband, Hooper C. Barrett, and divided the remainder of her estate between her sons, Carman H. and Hooper C. Barrett, Jr.

JACOB GUTERMAN, who died on November 22, 1914, left \$42,568 to his wife, four sons and two daughters. His estate was valued at \$100,000, divided the bulk of it among four brothers, and to another brother, Charles Adolph Guterman, who left \$1,000 to be paid to him on condition that for five years following her death he abstain from alcoholic and malt liquors.

SAVES \$1,500 BY TROUSER RIP.

Clerk Holds to Piece of Cloth and Highwayman Is Identified.

A strip of cloth torn from the trousers of Joseph Berger, 19, of 53 East 103rd street, is being defended in a catchet containing \$1,000 from two robbers, resulted yesterday in Berger's arrest and later in his identification as one of the assailants.

The clerk, Albert Hildbold, of 45 Shaw avenue, Woodhaven, L. I., returned at 11 o'clock to 714 East 103rd street, from the Peoples Bank at Thompson street and 10th avenue, where he had drawn the sum needed to meet the weekly payroll of the Samuel Claplin Envelope Company. As he started in the first flight of stairs to the company's office in the eighth street building, two men sprang at him and struck him on the head with a hammer and a blackjack.

With the cloth clutched in one hand he fought desperately on the stairway. He stabbed one man by the leg of his trousers. The noise of the struggle brought men to their doors and the two men fled, leaving Hildbold grasping a long strip of cloth.

Mounted Policemen Blass at Varick and Light streets saw a hatless man with his trousers badly torn hurry by and followed him to his apartment at 103rd street. The fugitive fled between two parking cars on a truck near Beach street, where he was captured. When Berger was taken back the cloth in Hildbold's grasp fitted exactly the rent in his trousers. The clerk had a black eye and two sprains.

CLAPLIN SUED BY MCCRERY.

Heavily Concerned Seeks to Enforce Heat Agreement.

The James McCrery Realty Corporation filed suit in the Supreme Court yesterday against the Associated Merchants Company, John Claplin and others, for appointment of a receiver of the real estate of the property at the southeast corner of Twenty-first street and Sixth avenue, formerly occupied by the McCrery store, and for an order directing the defendant to keep an agreement to accept on the property until 1921 at \$14,000 a year.

The complaint says that in 1901 the McCrery company sold its leasehold on the property to the Associated Merchants Company, who sold and other property, having a value of more than \$1,000,000, to the Associated Merchants Company. The complaint alleges that because the defendants have permitted the property to fall into disrepair and rental to be greatly reduced.

NEW JAW UPSETS JERSEY POLICEMEN

Trial Procedure in Commission Governed Cities Changed by "Joker."

REPEAL TO BE SOUGHT

TRENTON, N. J., May 8.—For several years a fight has been on between the governing bodies of several cities of New Jersey and the Patrons' Benevolent Association, an organization of policemen that was originally intended for the benefit of members of police departments in case of sickness or death. The association has had its principal headquarters in Newark and Jersey City. It has a membership of between three and four thousand, in about forty local branches.

Built up before the days of commission government, when candidates for boards eagerly sought the influence of the policemen in the primaries and at elections, the patrons' association has for a number of years been something of a power in the Legislature, and it may be truthfully said that it is still able to pass or defeat bills when the issue is fairly drawn. One of its accomplishments was procuring legislation increasing the salaries of policemen in the different cities.

In Jersey City until quite recently the Patrons' Benevolent Association controlled the police department. It employed a lawyer, who appeared at every trial before the Board of Police Commissioners and defended the policemen who were charged with neglect of duty, drunkenness and even criminal offenses, and usually the offenders escaped without punishment or suffered a few days loss of pay.

Conditions were about the same in Newark. Not long ago policemen were charged with having robbed stores on their beats. The evidence against them was overwhelming, but through the influence of the association they escaped severe punishment. In Atlantic City, Trenton, Camden, New Brunswick, Paterson and Elizabeth there was a similar state of affairs.

Two years ago Commissioner George B. La Barre of Trenton attempted to have passed a law that would authorize the Director of Public Safety in commission government municipalities to try members of the police and fire departments against whom charges of neglect of duty were preferred instead of referring all five of the Commissioners to sit as a court in the larger cities. The Patrons' Benevolent Association defeated the bill.

The year Commissioner Frank Hague, Director of Public Safety in Jersey City, had a duplicate of the La Barre bill introduced, but before doing so he issued an order to Chief Monahan forbidding the granting of leave of absence to any member of the Jersey City department. For the purpose of coming to Trenton to lobby for against bills, threatened to prefer charges against any policeman who disobeyed the order, and declared that "with civil service and the tenure of office law to protect him the good policeman has nothing to fear. Only the slacker is in danger."

The policemen of Newark supported the candidacy of Mayor Thomas L. Raymond last November and Mayor Raymond repaid the debt by appointing a police commission that favors the patrons. So when the Jersey City policemen were denied the privilege of coming to Trenton to lobby against the Hague bill, John J. Burke, president of the Patrons' Benevolent Association, was sent down to manage the job.

For fourteen weeks Burke, aided by police and other friends, and by legislators of both parties, succeeded in holding up the Hague bill, and there never was a chance of passing it if it could not be forced out of committee. But Director Hague is resolute.

On the last day of the session he succeeded in amending a supplement to the commission government act increasing the salaries of the members of the commission government. While the patrons' lobbyists were fighting the Hague bill the other was slipped through and the Governor signed it.

The commission law provides that "the executive, administrative and legislative powers, authority and duties in such city shall be distributed into and among five departments." Commissioner Hague merely had the word "judicial" introduced after the administrative. The Jersey City commission law was not passed by resolution authorizing Commissioner Hague to try policemen and firemen against whom charges were preferred and to pass sentence when the penalty did not exceed a fine of more than thirty days pay.

If, as one thinks the Patrons' Benevolent Association intends to submit to this without another struggle he is mistaken. A repealer of the Hooper-Hague law would have been introduced and may be forced through the Legislature last Monday if the bars had been let down for any length of time.

over the constitutional amendments election bill.

CALLS HUSBAND GERMAN SPY.

Jersey Woman Also Asserts That She Was Swindled.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 8.—Asserting her husband is a German spy, a swindler and an inmate, Mrs. Emil Braun of Lakewood obtained a warrant to arrest her husband. She has \$1,400 and after that she is advertising by means of circulars for her missing husband.

There was no mention in the letter of the talk being neutral, and every indication that it would not be under the circumstances," declared Secretary Smith of the university.

ACCUSED OF FORGING CHECKS.

George Hamlin Said to Have Confessed After Wife's Arrest.

George Hamlin, described by the police as the cleverest forger in America, will be arraigned in court today. According to the police, Hamlin, who is known as Garfield, confessed, when he learned that his wife had been arrested, that he had forged a forged check, which, it is alleged, she passed in many places.

Best Answer Wins \$50.

A prize of \$50 in gold for the best essay on "Why I Am a Democrat" was offered yesterday by the Young Men's Democratic League, whose headquarters are at 223 West 145th street.

Astor Yacht Arrives.

Vincent Astor's steam yacht, Noma, arrived yesterday from Cristobal. She was in that port during the recent fire, which destroyed part of the city of Colon, and several photographs of fire scenes were taken from her decks. She left Cristobal on May 1.

FEDERAL BANKS GAIN IN TOTAL RESERVES

Increases in Gold Reserves Also Reported Except at Three Points.

BIGGEST JUMP WAS HERE

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Federal reserve banks made substantial gains in total reserves and in gold reserves the past week, according to a memorandum from the Federal Reserve Board, which accompanied the weekly statement of condition issued today. The only banks which failed to show increases in gold reserve were those at San Francisco, Richmond and Chicago.

"The largest gain, of 3.8 million dollars, was reported by New York," says the statement, "while Cleveland and Boston report gains in excess of \$1,000,000 each."

"The total gain in cash for the system during the past week was 13.3 million dollars, an amount but slightly above the 12.5 million dollars paid in during the week by member banks on account of the third instalment of their capital payments. The paid in capital of the banks, the reserve system stands now at about \$2.5 million dollars. This total may show a further increase by about one or 1.5 million dollars after delinquent member banks shall have made good in full."

"Loans and discounts show a slight decrease from the total reported at the end of the previous week. The decrease affects the reserve system standing now at about \$2.5 million dollars. This total may show a further increase by about one or 1.5 million dollars after delinquent member banks shall have made good in full."

Other Paper Holdings.

"The holdings of sixty day paper show a decrease of about \$250,000, while the amount of ninety day paper held decreased about \$460,000. Agricultural and live stock paper maturing after the 15th of the month, of 2.3 million dollars, of which over 20 per cent, is held by the three Southern banks, constitutes at present about 6.4 per cent of the total amount of paper held by the banks. Only one bank is reporting considerable gains for the week in the amount of domestic discounts held are Dallas and San Francisco.

"Acceptances, amounting to \$12,358,000, likewise show a decrease for the past week, constituting at present 34.9 per cent of the total loans and discounts, as against 37.8 per cent at the end of the previous week."

"The New York bank reports \$5,100,000 of this class of paper, a decrease of about \$600,000 for the week. Boston about \$2,000,000, a gain of about \$130,000; Chicago, \$1,400,000; Philadelphia and San Francisco about \$1,700,000 each. The other banks reporting amounts below \$1,000,000 each."

"No change is reported in the amount of United States bonds held by the banks. Investments in municipal and kindred securities amount at present to about \$21,500,000 and show an increase for the week of about \$2,800,000, the largest gainers being the New York and San Francisco banks."

"All other assets, mainly because of the smaller amounts of Federal reserve notes held by the banks, show a decrease of \$2,100,000."

Deposits Decrease.

"Deposits decreased about \$1,500,000, New York, Philadelphia and Dallas reporting the largest net withdrawals. Federal reserve agents report an increase in amount of notes issued during the week of about \$1,000,000."

"Additional notes of \$500,000 were issued to the Philadelphia bank, \$400,000 to the New York bank, and \$100,000 to the Chicago bank. The total amount issued stands at present at \$2,200,000, of which \$2,000,000 are in the hands of the banks."

"Over 78 per cent of the notes issued are secured by the deposit of gold with the reserve banks and the Federal Reserve Bank."

RESOURCES.

Boston New York Phila.
Gold and coin \$17,145,000 \$30,901,000 \$15,504,000
Federal reserve notes 1,116,000 1,215,000 2,551,000
Total resources \$18,261,000 \$32,116,000 \$18,055,000

LIABILITIES.
Reserve deposits \$1,800,000 \$12,400,000 \$5,728,000
Due to banks 362,000 362,000 362,000
Cash paid in 1,571,000 2,551,000 6,388,000
Total liabilities \$3,733,000 \$15,313,000 \$12,478,000

Michigan University Officials Fear Pro-British Utterances.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 8.—Officials of the University of Michigan have refused to permit Prof. G. W. Kirchwey of Columbia University to speak in any of the university buildings. He was scheduled to speak to-night, but the officers of the International Policy Club assert that officials of the university threatened the speaker with expulsion if he spoke. The Rev. Joseph P. Mooney, N. Y., who passed his byword in the parish, will be the celebrant of the mass.

MAN, 80, IMPALED ON FENCE.

Police Say Suicide Had Jumped From Third Story Window.

PATRICK, N. J., May 8.—When John Keyser went into his yard this morning he found his neighbor, Richard Vanderheide, 80 years old, of 50 Hillman street, impaled on the picket fence, hanging by his neck. After an investigation the police announced that the man had undoubtedly committed suicide.

Vanderheide is believed to have leaped from the third story window of his home. The window was found open by the police, who also found Mrs. Vanderheide alone. She told the police that her husband had been ill for some time and was despondent.

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